

Questions & Answers

RFP 2023-06 CCW Sector Intermediary-Education Sector

Question	Response	Did this change the solicitation?
<p>Are we saying Sector intermediary? At one point we changed it to Sector Leader.</p>	<p>The original contracts all say Sector Intermediary, so this new contract uses the same terminology for consistency. In CCW meetings and correspondence the term Sector Leader has been adopted.</p>	<p>No.</p>
<p>On page 9 of the RFP under the section 2.2 Appendix B, number 4. lists letters of support. However inside Appendix B Section 4: Employer connections it asks for listed references. Would you like us to submit letters from each of the references listed or simply list them as references and not submit letters? Thank you.</p>	<p>The list of references isn't limited in size, but at least 5 are required. Include the following in the list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name of the business, • Contact information (name, title, phone number, e-mail), and • Why you chose to include this partner in the list of references. <p>The RFP doesn't state how many letters of support can be listed, or even that they must be presented. But since the RFP states the references must represent the diversity of employers within the sector it might be good to have combined letters of support with several employers signing on to one letter.</p>	<p>No.</p>

<p>I have a few questions. First, given that this is a sector strategy already in place, how has the employer engagement been going? Do you have regional employer champions already identified? Second, can you share with us who the consultant from Colorado is? Third, are there any challenges in the building of this sector that you think has been substantively different from what you have seen in the other sectors? Fourth, are there specific proposal page requirements / limits in the RFP, or is 4 pages max per section your recommended guidance?</p>	<p>The original Education Sector contract has been executed through the initial phase of employer convening, data compilation and first Sector Strategy for publication. The groundwork is laid for continuing to keep a finger on the pulse of the sector and refine on recommendations for working as regions/statewide to fill identified workforce development gaps.</p> <p>The biggest difference in Education Sector is the sheer number of school districts and accompanying “grow your own” program building efforts. Coupled that with being more highly regulated and varying degrees of different local needs.</p> <p>Editing for conciseness and clarity are highly recommended. 4 pages per section is not required nor even encouraged. Be to the point so review committee can understand clearly. Add enough supporting details to anticipate and answer potential review committee questions.</p>	<p>No.</p>
<p>Where can we find the June 30, 2023 report?</p>	<p>Will be posted to CCW website by EOD 08/10/23</p>	<p>No.</p>
<p>Can two (Educational Services Districts) ESD’s work together on one grant application? Is there an age limit or age preference on young adults served?</p>	<p>CCW is focused on K-12 through 29 years of age. This grant is not for program building, but research, reporting, identifying opportunity gaps in the sector, and encouraging sector stakeholders to work together to fill those gaps.</p>	<p>No.</p>
<p>Do Career Connected Learning programs only go through CTE in HS’s?</p>	<p>No, can be any program serving up to age 29.</p>	<p>No.</p>
<p>Can grant money be used to pay for services like tuition? Or is this just to identify possibly routes for educators and funding will be separate?</p>	<p>No. This grant is not for program building. CCW program builder grants generally cover costs of starting a program and not paying tuition or costs of running a program. Many programs use the Washington College Grant to help offset tuition costs as part of program sustainability program.</p>	<p>No.</p>

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Questions may not be individually answered prior to the scheduled due date for responses unless the response could determine whether a Bidder submits a Proposal. Additional questions will not be posted through WEBS unless they result in a change to the solicitation. The Procurement Coordinator is not required to send individual notification to Bidders.